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"I do hope that this institution will do good Harijan work and produce good Harijan Sevaks."
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Date 9.9.52

Dear Hon. Krishna Rao,

Ref. 3-6 below.

The enclosed is a representation regarding the disabilities of Harijans regarding hair cutting saloons in some villages in South Kanara. You may kindly forward it to the Collector, S. Kanara for due enquiry & necessary action and report.

Yours sincerely
Swami Anand Tirth

A / Acknowledged By 13/9/52

Sen RW.

A' above may be done.
This representation may be circulated to C.M. for his kind perusal
M. V. Krishnaiah
10.9.52

Removal of Civil Disabilities of Harijans

(ALL INDIA HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH—INTENSIVE SCHEME)

Southern Range:- MADRAS, MYSORE & TRAVANCORE . COCHIN

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To The Hon. Minister for Harijan Uplift
Madras.

Sir, Civil disabilities of Harijans - South Kanara - disability reg. service of barbers running saloons - certain villages.

Ref. p.p.s-b cf I am enclosing a copy of the representation I have made to the Collector of S. Kanara regarding the still existing disabilities of Harijans — nonadmission in haircutting saloons — in the villages situated on the Railway line to Mangalore ie Manjeswar, Ullal and Mangalpady. Our efforts have not been successful because of the lack of cooperation from the subordinate Officials of the Revenue and Police departments. The Collector may be requested to instruct the Revenue authorities to tackle this problem. The Harijan Day may be arranged in these villages and the Harijans taken for haircutting to the saloons. The Dt. Welfare Officer may be required to deal with the problem. The Police Inspector may be required to give all assistance to the teachers of the H. W. school in getting the haircut of their pupils done in the saloons. The S. I of Police may himself take these children to the saloons for haircut. so that the barbers may realise that the Government is serious about the removal of this disability of the Harijans. I request you may give instructions to this effect.

Yours faithfully

Ullal: I enclose a copy of the letter I had sent to S.H.O, Ullal on 17.12.52 when the barbers flatly refused to serve the Harijans in my presence. The S.H.O. turned a deaf ear to our complaints, which were therefore reported to the S.I. Mangalore taluk. Thereafter I addressed the D.S.P. reg. this subject (copy enclosed). It is only recently that, when I again wrote to the D.S.P, I got a reply L dis 8029/c/52 dated 8.7.52 wherein I was informed that these complaints had been referred as Mistake of fact for want of sufficient evidence, as though my report was not sufficient. This shows the attitude of the Subordinate Police Officials who investigate into these complaints.

Manjeswar: I learn that the Police here are not at all helpful. On the other hand, they are said to be taking sides with the Caste Hindus & orally threatening the Harijans why they should be anxious to have service from the barbers. Of course the allegation cannot be proved. I therefore request that you would kindly instruct that the S.I. of Police, Manjeswar should personally help the teacher of the H.W. school and see that the hair of the school children is cut in the saloons. I know that when the Police are vigilant & keen, the Caste Hindus treat the Harijans properly through fear of law or forced change of heart.

Yours faithfully

K Ramachandra

Madras,

7th October 1952.

My dear Anand,

You are more and more relying on the rigorous enforcement of laws and the application of Governmental force in getting things done. This is not good or wise. What is the good of getting the body to do what the mind does not willingly agree to do? Have you not been taught the futility of this in your own life-experience?

If the hair of these dear children should be cut and dressed properly you and I should learn to do it and do it in a special saloon. Schoolmasters should vie with one another in doing this neatly and tidily rather than invoke the authority of the terrible Collector for getting the barbers to do it. You and I do not want caste. Why then depend on 'barbers' and their caste occupation? We should not do it.

Please organize a high caste voluntary social service for hair-cutting and put the barbers to shame! Here is a grand opportunity to prove our worth.

Yours affectionately,

C.R.

Swami Anand Tirth, M.A.,
Sri Narayana Vidyalaya,
Payyanur,
North Malabar.

R.W. Dept.(IV)

Memo No.61316 R.W.IV/52-1, d/

Sub: Civil Disabilities - S.Kanara Dt. -Denial of hair-cutting facilities to harijans.

p.1-3 c/f

Ref: From Swami Anand Thirth, Payyanur, Lr. d/8-9-52 to M.(Edn.)

A copy of the letter cited above is forwarded to the Collr. of S.Kanara for remarks.

To the Collr. of S.Kanara (with enclosure).

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Draft 17.9.52

O.N.

Please see the letter from Swami Anand Thirth at p.1 c.f. and the enclosures at pp.3-6 c.f. The draft memo above is for approval. After issue, the case may be circulated to C.M. with reference to the minutes of M.(Edn.) on p.1 c.f.

Attention is in this connection invited to the portion 'M' on p.5 c.f. and 'N' on p.6 c.f. The petitioner's request would appear to be that the D.W.O. and the Police should personally arrange the cutting of the hair of Harijans in saloons. The request seems to be rather untenable and it is not clear how the D.W.O. received any amount from the petitioner for being utilised for the purpose. Such work should more appropriately be done by enthusiastic and sincere non-official workers who should be able to convert the caste Hindus by persuasion if possible, and by resorting to the provisions of Law where necessary.

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A above.

While social workers can enthuse themselves in the matter, there is also the obligation of the Govt. official. In every Dt.

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Harijan Day is celebrated every month and one of the purposes of these celebrations is to see that by persuasion and other means the disabilities or present caste distinctions disappear. Public demonstrations of the hair cutting of the Harijans by the barbers can be arranged on these days and the Govt officials who arrange the celebration of the Harijan day can very easily arrange these demonstrations.

Anyway, let us first have the report of the Collr who will no doubt give his views favouring the disability complaint of.

D.R. Sankaravadivelu
D.9.52

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S.I

M.V. Krishna Rao
4.10.52
M (Eden)

Please send the enclosed letter to Swami Ananda Tirth.

C. M.

C. Rajagopalachari
7-10-52

The letter will be despatched by me after M(Eden) sees it.

M

Dr Eden may see
Sankaravadivelu

P.S. to C.M.
Secy (Rev)

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M (Edn) may peruse Govt's letter to Anantapur.

Sankaravadivelu
7.10.52.

M (Edn)
8/10/52

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8-OCT 1952
RURAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The case may now be sent to the P.S. to C.M. with reference to M on p. 2 above.

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PS to CM

The original of the letter on p. 1 of has been despatched. The file may be returned to R.W.

R.W.

The papers may now be recorded as Govt No. for facility of reference

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G.O. Ms. No. 1128 dt. 11.10.52

Tamil Disabilities - South Kanara District - Denial of haircutting facilities to Harijans - Complaint of Swami Anand Tirth - Orders passed.